

SCOR Meeting on Coordination of International Marine Research Projects

Responses from IMBER

Data Management Discussion

- Has your SSC discussed and considered the recommendations of the data management meeting? If so, will the recommendations be implemented?
Yes, the IMBER will form a small Data Management working group, with their first task being the development of a data management policy and plan for the project based on the recommendations by the SCOR/IOC Meeting on Data Management for International Marine Research Projects held in Liverpool in December 2003.
- What additional actions could/should SCOR or other organizations take to help with this topic?
There is the potential as suggested at the Liverpool meeting to bring data managers for marine projects together on a regular basis. This would improve the flow of information between the projects

GOOS Discussion

Please provide any information from your project documents that specifies project plans to interact with GOOS and describe any interaction your SSC or IPO has had with GOOS activities.

- Have SSC members attended GOOS Steering Committee, OOPC, or COOP meetings?
Yes, IMBER SSC members have attended meetings of both the GOOS Steering Committee and COOP. There has not been a representative at OOPC meetings but there has been discussions regarding the need for a biogeochemist to be added to the OOPC.
- If so, what was their role at the meeting?
The GOOS Steering Committee and COOP meetings have been attended by Julie Hall in her role as a member of each committee.
- Has your SSC discussed what is, or will be, available from GOOS and other observing systems?
IMBER has identified that future interaction with GOOS, will be both as an end user of data collected by GOOS and as a partner with GOOS in identifying the variables to be measured and the research and development needed to improve observing systems.
- Has your SSC identified any specific observations to which your scientists would like access?
This has not been discussed by the SSC.
- Have you ever had a presentation about GOOS at an SSC meeting?

Yes at the first IMBER SSC meeting in August 2004 a presentation on GOOS was given.

- What research observation systems would your project like to see become operational?

This has not been discussed by the SSC.

Southern Ocean Research

- What activities has your project undertaken or planned for the Southern Ocean?

There are initial plans for a regional IMBER study in the Southern Ocean. IMBER has given support to the further development of the planned ICCED project that is being initiated by a group of scientist with extensive experience in the Southern Ocean. There will be a planning meeting for the ICCED project in May 2005.

Have you coordinated your Southern Ocean research with other projects?

It is too early in the development of IMBER to answer this question.

- Do you have any special plans for the 3rd International Polar Year in 2007?

The ICCED project is likely to be launched in 2007 to coincide with IPY.

Time-Series Stations

- Will implementation of your project require observations from time-series stations?

Yes, IMBER will require long-term observations as a foundation for developing predictive capability of IMBER.

- In what locations?

Development of new, additional sustained observation are envisaged for areas such as the continental margins, high-latitude and polar ocean areas, and within the mesopelagic layer. Geographical locations for these have not been discussed and are at least partially going to be dependent on funding from specific countries or a group of countries.

- How will such stations be supported?

As IMBER has no funds for research these stations will need to be supported by research funds from specific countries. It will be important to ensure that there is good coordination between research projects and GOOS.

Environmental Assessments

- Has your project been asked by any of the global assessment organizations for data, model results, and/or expert advice?

No, as the project is still in the early organisational stages there is no data or modelling results available yet.